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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA, JUNE, 1950.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this notice relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

At the end of June, 1950 the number of persons employed (2,546,900) was greater by 2,900 than in May, 1950. The number of males in employment rose by 3,400 to 1,858,700 but the number of females fell by 500 to 688,200.

Comparisons of the numbers in employment in the months of May and June, 1949 and May and June, 1950 are as follows:-

NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA.

(Excluding Rural Industry and Female Private Domestic Service)
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Particulars	May, 1949	June, 1949 (a)	May, 1950	June, 1950
Males ..	1,787.1	1,772.1	1,855.3	1,858.7
Females ..	664.1	657.9	688.7	688.2
Persons ..	2,451.2	2,430.0	2,544.0	2,546.9

(a) An industrial dispute in coal mining affected total employment in June, 1949.

CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

The main change in employment in industry during June, 1950 was in Factories with an increase of 3,200 males and a decrease of 300 females. Building and Construction gained 1,400 males, Transport and Communication 1,400 males and 100 females. Professional and Personal Service Groups lost 1,400 males and 600 females.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT.

The increase of 3,200 male employees in factories occurred in the following groups:- manufacture of Metals, Machines, Vehicles etc. (2,500); Food, Drink and Tobacco (300); Rubber Goods (200) and Other Classes (200).

The reduction of 300 females was due to a decrease in Clothing (500) and Food, Drink and Tobacco (500), partly offset by an increase in Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc. (300), Textiles (100), Furniture (100) and Other Classes (200).

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

The number of persons employed in Australia by Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, education, police, public works, etc. and in administration decreased by 200 during June to a total of 661,100. There was a decrease of 1,200 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and an increase of 1,000 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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